

IN HONOR OF ARMY SPECIALIST 4
ANTHONY JOSEPH DIXON

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 30, 2017

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Army Specialist 4 Anthony Joseph Dixon of Lindenwold, New Jersey who died at the young age of twenty on August 1, 2004 in Samarra, Iraq in a roadside bombing.

Mr. Dixon is remembered by his family and friends as an adventurous young man who loved to race his car around town, once climbed a tall cell phone tower on a dare and went to Florida after his high school graduation with no firm plans and only \$20 in his pocket.

As a student, Mr. Dixon was involved in athletics, including soccer, baseball and wrestling. After his high school graduation, and bouncing around from job to job for a while, he enlisted in the United States Army and was proud to serve his country.

His family recalls him being excited to share his battle stories with them. He enjoyed his time defending our country because it was adventurous and the right thing to do.

Mr. Dixon was the youngest of five children. He left behind his parents, Alexander and Jacquelyn, his brother Alexander, Jr., sisters Kim (Derek), Celesta (Gerald), Mary (Michael), his grandmother Sara, his fiancée Elis Deniz and countless nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Joining the United States Army provided the focus and drive that Mr. Dixon needed to move forward with his life. We appreciate his service and commitment to our country and honor him for the ultimate sacrifice he made to keep us safe. I also am honored to thank his family for their sacrifices as well.

HONORING DR. RICHARD BERNINI

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Richard Bernini, whom the Napa and Solano County Medical Societies have awarded the honor of Professor Emeritus. Dr. Bernini served as an emergency room physician at Queen of the Valley Medical Center for 38 years until his retirement in 2015.

The Napa and Solano County Medical Societies award this distinction to medical professionals who have a demonstrated commitment to service and teaching. Dr. Bernini exemplifies these attributes and is very deserving of this award and recognition.

Dr. Bernini graduated from Thomas Jefferson University's Jefferson Medical College in 1970, and was certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine in 1976. He is active in supporting and mentoring the medical students at his alma mater.

During his time at Queen of the Valley Medical Center, Dr. Bernini served in many leadership positions. He helped design the Napa Valley Emergency Medical Group, which provides high quality emergency medical care to

our community. Dr. Bernini created an advanced Quality of Assurance Program to ensure proper medical care for patients. He is known in our community for his willingness to mentor and befriend the next generation of medical health professionals.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Bernini has demonstrated an incredible commitment to his students and the medical profession in our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today and congratulate him on this well-deserved award.

IN RECOGNITION OF SCOTT
GRAVES

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Scott Graves, who is departing the House Committee on Agriculture.

In my time in public office, I quickly realized how truly indispensable good staff is. Scott Graves certainly fits the bill of good staff.

Scott most recently served as the staff director of the House Committee on Agriculture, where he developed the strategic vision of the committee and its 45 members. He has worked closely on agriculture policy for his 12 years on the Hill, including the 2008 and 2014 Farm Bills.

With Scott's steadfast leadership as staff director, Chairman CONAWAY and committee members were able to stick to an impressive timeline, passing reauthorization bills for all programs under the committee's jurisdiction last Congress. Scott and Chairman CONAWAY always made it a priority to fully equip and educate members of the Committee and conference on issues important to American agriculture.

On behalf of Southern Illinois producers, I wish Scott the best in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE DISTINGUISHED
SERVICE OF SCOTT CHESTER
GRAVES

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 30, 2017

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank a long-term member of my staff, Scott Graves, for his 12 years of service on Capitol Hill. Scott has worked in numerous capacities—starting as an agriculture legislative assistant and legislative director, then as my chief of staff and most recently as staff director at the House Committee on Agriculture. He is a well-respected and accomplished leader, and though he is moving on, I know he will continue to accomplish great things for American agriculture.

Scott has been my right-hand man for many years, helping me navigate the complexities of the 2008 and 2014 farm bills, serving as an advisor when I chaired the House Committee on Ethics, and keeping the wheels running in both my personal office and the Agriculture Committee. Though much of his work was done behind the scenes, my colleagues and I

knew we could rely on Scott to produce results.

Beyond his many professional attributes, I will certainly miss his humor and wit. I am proud of him, I wish him, Haley, Bronte, and a unit to be named this summer the very best. I want to thank him for his loyalty and dedication to public service and I wish him Godspeed in the next chapter of his life.

RECOGNIZING THE MOYER FOUNDATION AND CAMP MARIPOSA

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Moyer Foundation and its Camp Mariposa. Since 2000, the Moyer Foundation has reached thousands of children impacted by grief or addiction in their families. Among other successful endeavors, the Foundation started Camp Mariposa, a free weekend camp focused on mentoring and addiction prevention for youth impacted by the substance abuse of a family member. In 2015, Camp Mariposa helped over 960 students ages 9 through 12 have fewer feelings of isolation and guilt, understand the reality of addiction as a disease, and make positive life choices. Just last week, the Addiction Policy Forum recognized Camp Mariposa in their "Focus on Innovation" program.

Sadly, the children of eastern Kentucky have been at the very heart of a nationwide opioid abuse epidemic that has claimed more than 165,000 lives since 1999. They've borne witness to a generation of addiction and overdose, often times among those on whom they rely for financial, educational, and emotional support. I am proud that Camp Mariposa will open its twelfth location next month in Buckhorn, Kentucky, its first rural location, and continue spreading awareness and hope to our region.

I thank the Moyer Foundation and its local partner Buckhorn Children & Family Services for their dedication to changing the lives of America's at-risk youth. With their continued help, we can break the cycle of addiction and instill newfound hope in our communities.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FORMER
GOVERNOR ALBERT BREWER

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 30, 2017

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, there are few people who leave such a profound impact on the lives of so many as former Alabama Governor Albert Brewer did. Albert Brewer was more than just a Governor. He was a dedicated public servant committed to the betterment of our state and our people.

His unfailing commitment to the state of Alabama was apparent in his early years. After attending The University of Alabama, Gov. Brewer served three terms in the Alabama House of Representatives, and during the last of these terms, was elected by his colleagues as the youngest person in Alabama's history to serve as the Speaker.